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## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please insert the following paragraph on page 1 following the Title:

## CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application serial no. 09/740,676, filed December 18, 2000, pending, which is a continuation of Serial No. 08/482,161, now U.S. Patent No. 6,162,461, which is a continuation-in-part of 08/454,121, now U.S. Patent No. 6,071,520, which is a §371 filing of PCT/NL94/00168, which is a continuation-in-part of 08/030,335, now U.S. Patent No. 5,491,073, which is a §371 filing of PCT/NL91/00165.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3, 17-21. Please add new claims 22-27. Please amend claims 1-2, 4-13, and 15-16. All of the pending claims 1-2, 4-16 and 22-27 are presented, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121(c)(1)(i) and 1.121(c)(3), in clean form in below. Please enter these claims as amended. Also attached is a marked-up version of the claims amended herein pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii).

1. (Amended) A gene delivery vehicle comprising a nucleic acid molecule encoding apoptin protein.

2. (Amended) The gene delivery vehicle according to claim 1 additionally comprising a modified translation initiation site directly upstream of the ATG-initiation codon of said nucleic acid molecule, wherein said translation initiation site comprises the nucleic acid sequence GCCAAC.

- 4. (Amended) A gene delivery vehicle comprising a nucleic acid molecule encoding chicken anemia virus protein VP2.
- 5. (Amended) The gene delivery vehicle according to claim 4 additionally comprising a modified translation initiation site directly upstream of the ATG-initiation codon of said nucleic acid molecule, wherein said translation initiation site comprises the nucleic acid sequence GCCAAC.

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